

Remarks/Arguments

Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121 has been required:

- I. Claims 1 to 14, drawn to a process for manufacturing a packaing material.
- II. Claims 15 to 26, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a multi-layer laminate.
- III. Claim 27, drawn to a film-type laminate.

The description of the subject matter of Group III, Claim 27, is incorrect. Claim 27 is drawn to a process, that is, use of the film-type laminate (made by the process of Claim 1) to manufacture sealable forms of packaging. Correction of this matter in the record is requested.

The Office Action stated: that inventions II and III are related as apparatus and product made; that the inventions in this relationship are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the apparatus as claimed is not an obvious apparatus for making the product and the apparatus can be used for making a different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different apparatus; and that, in this case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different apparatus whereby the sealing lacquer is applied by roller coating exclusive of the use of an electrostatic coating means. Applicants disagree with this statement. As explained above, invention III (Group III) includes only Claim 27. Claim 27 is drawn to a process, that is, use of the film-type laminate (made by the process of claim 1) to

manufacture sealable forms of packaging. Thus, the description of the subject matter of Group III, Claim 27 is incorrect.

The Office Action stated that, because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter as shown by their different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Applicants disagree with this statement because the description of the subject matter of invention III (Group III) is incorrect.

The Office Action stated that applicants are advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed. Applicants elect with traverse invention I (Group I).

Claims 1 to 14.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuing applications drawn to non-elected inventions I and II.

Respectfully submitted,

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